

ly denied that the probation system is abused.

"It is one of the most humane acts ever placed on the statute books," he said to me, "and the trouble is that we should be able to do more for the boy than merely place him on probation; we should be able to get him a job. If the relatives of the boy would put forth the same effort to get the boy work before he gets into trouble as they do afterward many of the boys would never get in trouble.

"We do not put hardened criminals on probation, but a boy who is a first offender is entitled to the provisions of that law and our public defenders themselves urge the boys' rights in that direction. The trouble is that many people confuse the probation act with the parole which is for people convicted of crimes."

Candidly, my own opinion of what is wrong is the inconsistency of human nature in expecting because a boy who has been guilty of a misdemeanor is placed on probation, that straightforward he will put behind him even the natural energy that led him into mischief and it will be necessary to have the tailor make a special coat to properly allow for his sprouting angel wings. He is just a boy and putting him on probation will not make an angel of him, but it may make a man of him if we are sufficiently consistent to realize that it takes more than a few words of a judge or the visit of an officer every so often to help the boy direct his energy into the proper channel.

#### WAR ODDITIES

London.—When a wounded soldier was operated on in a London hospital, surgeons extracted several coins from his thigh, shrapnel having carried pieces of the pocket and all the coins it contained into the flesh.

Northern France.—While not bombarding the Germans, British artillery sections behind the lines held a horse show, the blue ribbon going to a noble dapple-grey steed who for-

merly pulled a plough in Yorkshire. Eylesbury, Eng.—Mrs. E. Bateman, 80, has eighteen grandsons and two sons serving with the British army.

#### CHILD SAVED FROM ELLIS ISLD.



Gabrielle Hunter

Gabrielle Hunter, the 10-year-old daughter of Mrs. J. Young Hunter, a prominent English painter, who arrived from England alone and would have been sent to Ellis Island if it had not been for Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, who offered to assume charge of her.